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SUBJ: SCHOOL ELECTIONS BAD NEWS FOR PARTI QUEBECOIS

1. THE PQ LOST DECISIVELY TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND AROUSED ANGLOPHONES IN THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS YESTERDAY IN THE MONTREAL AREA. EVERY CANDIDATE SUPPORTED BY THE PARTI WAS BADLY BEATEN BY THOSE ESPOUSING "CONFESSIONAL" BOARDS, RETENTION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS, BETTER TEACHING OF BOTH LANGUAGES.
2. LIGHT VOTER TURNOUT INDICATES PQ MILITANTS NOT WELL ORGANIZED TO GET OUT THE VOTE, LET ALONE COMPETE WITH PARISH BULLETINS.
3. SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN NON-PARTISAN AND CHURCH DID NOT GET INTO FRAY UNTIL SEVERAL PQ RIDING ASSOCIATIONS HAD PUBLICLY SUPPORTED SLATE OF "UNIFIED BOARDS" CANDIDATES. LA PRESSE, IN RECENT EDITORIAL, SAID ELECTION "CAN SERVE AS A POLL OR EVEN A REFERENDUM" (ON PARTY PLATFORM PLANK RE UNIFIED BOARDS) AND THAT PQ GOVERNMENT SHOULD CHANGE ITS PROGRAM IF ITS CANDIDATES WERE NOT ELECTED.
4. COMMENT: OPEN INJECTION OF POLITICS APPEARS BAD TACTICAL MOVE ON PART OF PQ. NOT ONLY WERE REAL EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

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OBSCURED, BUT ALL MEDIA HAVE CONCENTRATED ON PARTY PARTICIPATION DURING CAMPAIGN, LEADING INEVITABLY TO CONCENTRATED ATTENTION TODAY ON PARTY "DEFEAT". WHATEVER THE EFFECT ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY, RESULT VERY DAMAGING TO PARTY IMAGE.
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